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1. AT APPROX 0130 21 DEC. 1975 SSGT KIN C. LOUIE AND ANOTHER EMBASSY EMPLOYEE WERE RETURNING FROM PIZZA PARLOR TO MARINE HOUSE. AS THEY ROUNDED THE CORNER TO GO INTO MARINE HOUSE SSGT LOUIE WAS ACCOSTED BY JAPANESE MALE AND PUSHED. LOUIE PUSHED MAN AWAY AND CONTINUED TOWARDS MARINE HOUSE. HE WAS AGAIN CONFRONTED BY MAN AND PUSHED AGAIN. LOUIE AGAIN PUSHED MAN AWAY AND THEN SEVERAL MORE JAPANESE MALES APPEARED ON SCENE AND BECAME INVOLVED. AT THIS TIME LOUIE AND EMBASSY EMPLOYEE PROCEEDED TO MARINE HOUSE WHICH WAS ABOUT THIRTY METERS AWAY. THEY GOT INTO HOUSE, BUT GROUP OF JAPANESE MALES NUMBERING NOW ABOUT TEN FOLLOWED THEM. LOUIE WENT UPSTAIRS AND WOKE CPL RICHARD F. SACHSE. LOUIE RETURNED DOWNSTAIRS AND NOTED THAT ABOUT TEN JAPANESE MALES WERE COMING UP THE OUTSIDE STAIRS INTO MARINE HOUSE. LOUIE WAS FORCED BACK INTO LIVING ROOM AND GRABBED BY ONE OF ASSAILANTS. LOUIE HIT THIS INDIVIDUAL IN THE LEGS WITH NIGHTSTICK. AT THIS TIME FOUR MORE FORCED THEIR WAY INTO MARINE HOUSE LIVING ROOM

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AND SCUFFLE TOOK PLACE. LOUIE BROKE LOOSE AND AGAIN

WENT UPSTAIRS TO SEE IF HE COULD FIND SACHSE. UPON ENTERING SACHSE'S ROOM HE FOUND SACHSE'S WINDOW OPEN AND SACHSE GONE. LOUIE CLIMBED OUT THE WINDOW OF SACHSE'S ROOM AND WENT TO MARINE HOUSE ANNEX TO SEEK HELP AND TO NOTIFY NCOIC AND RSO. SACHSE MEANWHILE HAD GONE OUT THE WINDOW AND COME IN BACK DOOR TO MARINE HOUSE. SACHSE UPON COMING INTO LIVING ROOM FOUND FOUR JAPANESE MALES IN THE LIVING ROOM. SACHSE HAD A NIGHTSTICK WITH HIM. HE TOLD THEM IN JAPANESE TO LEAVE MARINE HOUSE. THEY REFUSED AND FOUR TO SIX MORE CAME INTO HOUSE. THEY BECAME BELIGERENT AND SACHSE TOLD THEM SEVERAL MORE TIMES TO LEAVE. THEY REFUSED. ONE OF THEM STRUCK SACHSE IN CHEST AND KICKED HIM IN GROIN. SACHSE THEN PUSHED ONE WHO HIT HIM TOWARDS DOOR AND AT THE SAME TIME AGAIN TOLD OTHERS TO LEAVE. ONE PICKED UP COFFEE TABLE AND ANOTHER THE TV SET, PREPARING TO THROW THEM AT SACHSE. SACHSE HIT SEVERAL WITH NIGHT STICK KNOCKING THEM TO FLOOR. SHORTLY FIGHT ENDED AND SACHSE HAD FELLED SEVEN OR EIGHT. SACHSE ORDERED ALL JAPANESE INTO THE DINING ROOM TO AWAIT AUTHORITIES. THERE WAS A TOTAL OF ABOUT TEN JAPANESE MALES. SACHSE MINISTERED TO WOUNDS OF JAPANESE. ONE OR TWO TRIED TO GET UP AND LEAVE BUT SACHSE GESTURED WITH NIGHTSTICK TO SIT DOWN AND THEY OBEYED. SACHSE THEN CALLED POLICE AND AMBULANCE, AS WELL AS NCOIC AND RSO. THE RSO ARRIVED FIRST AND NCOIC LATER. FOUR WERE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT AND RELEASED. SINCE SEVERAL OF ASSAILANTS RECEIVED WOUNDS THE PRECISE EXTENT OF THEIR INJURIES IS NOT KNOWN.

2. EMBASSY FEELS THAT MARINES ACTED PROPERLY UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT SSGT. LOUIE GOT OFF THE STREET AND INTO THE MARINE HOUSE ATTEMPTING TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION. CPL. SACHSE DID EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GET THE JAPANESE OUT OF THE MARINE HOUSE. HE RESORTED TO THE USE OF FORCE ONLY WHEN HE FELT THREATENED AND ONLY AFTER ALL OTHER MEANS HAD FAILED.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT INCIDENT RESULTED BECAUSE OF THE INTOXICATED STATE OF THE JAPANESE. NONE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE EMBASSY PERSONNEL INVOLVED WERE INTOXICATED. IN FACT, SACHSE HAD JUST RETURNED TO MARINE HOUSE FROM DUTY AND WAS IN BED. ACTION ON PART OF JAPANESE IS NOT FELT TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY ANY ANTI-AMERICAN FEELINGS OR DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO INVOLVE EMBASSY PERSONNEL. IT WAS APPARENTLY A CHANCE ENCOUNTER.

4. EMBASSY HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE POLICE WITH STATE-

MENTS FROM THREE AMERICANS INVOLVED. JAPANESE
POLICE INVESTIGATING INCIDENT. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT
ANY CHARGES WILL BE FILED SINCE IT IS FELT THAT BEST
SOLUTION TO SITUATION IS TO QUIETLY SETTLE PROBLEM.
JAPANESE ASSAILANTS APPARENTLY HAVE LEARNED GOOD
LESSON ABOUT ABILITIES OF ONE GOOD MAN, CPL. SACHSE.
HODGSON

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